GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Pollution of Ganga and Yamuna Rivers
Biju Shri Parayamparanbil Kuttappan;Innocent Shri ;Pradhan Shri Nagendra Kumar;Raut Shri Vinayak Bhaurao;Shewale Shri Rahul Ramesh;Shinde Dr. Shrikant Eknath

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ganga and the Yamuna rivers are being polluted by the large number of industries, institutions etc. located on its banks and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has taken any action against these industries, institutions etc. found polluting the rivers during 2014 and 2015, so far;
(c) if so, the details thereof, river and industry/institution-wise;
(d) the mechanism put in place by the Government to check large scale discharge of untreated sewage and industrial effluents into the rivers by the industries/institutions etc. and to monitor their activities along with the extent to which such mechanism has been functioning effectively; and
(e) whether several programmes launched by the Government to clean the Ganga and the Yamuna have not been able to achieve the desired results, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the concrete measures being taken by the Government to address the issue?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)to(c) Yes Sir, The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) under the Pollution Inventorization Assessment and Surveillance Project has inventorised 764 Grossly Polluted Industries (GPI) along the main stem of River Ganga. The CPCB has issued directions under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to 200 industries and under Section 18(1) (b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 to 178 industries for improvement. The CPCB has also issued closure directions to 68 units. In compliance to the directions of Hon''ble National Green Tribunal, the Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board has also issued closure directions to 98 tanneries for operating without the consent of the Board.